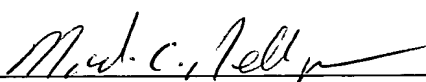


It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of , for instance, claim 8 is sufficiently related to that of the other claims that a through search for claim 8 would encompass the subject matter of the remaining groups. More particularly, a substructure search for 2'-halomethylidenes in combination with cytarbine would encompass a search for 2'-halomethylidenes with S-phase agents and possibly M-phase agents.

Further, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the claims as filed could be made without serious burden. *See*, MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "[I]f the search and examination of an entire application could be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary expense to applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and allowance of claims 1-12 are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for initial examination and allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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